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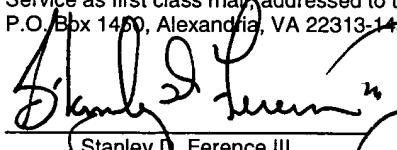
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Padmanabhan et al.
Serial No. : 09/699,894 Examiner : D. Nolan
Filed : October 30, 2000 Art Unit : 2655
For : MINIMUM BAYES ERROR FEATURE SELECTION
IN SPEECH RECOGNITION

November 8, 2004

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on November 8, 2004.



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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Abandonment dated September 8, 2004, Applicants hereby file this Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment in the above-identified application. In support thereof, Applicants state as follows:

1. The last Office Action was dated January 16, 2003. Applicants timely responded to Office Action by mailing an Amendment, a Petition And Fee For Extension

Of Time Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A), a Change in Correspondence Address, and an Amendment Transmittal, together with return post cards, to the Commissioner for Patents by first class mail on July 16, 2003.

2. Applicants have not yet received a stamped post card receipt from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office acknowledging receipt of the correspondence mailed on July 16, 2003.

3. Applicants' Representative and the Examiner spoke on September 7, 2004, during which Applicants' representative offered to provide a copy of the correspondence mailed on July 16, 2003 in response to the outstanding Office Action. The Examiner indicated he would be abandoning the application as the Petition would force conversion of the application to Image File Wrapper status. While this has not been an issue Applicants' Representative has had to frequently address, the Examiner also indicated that of ten applications on which he was making telephone calls to determine the status of the application, responses had been submitted in four applications although those responses had not appeared in the records of the Patent and Trademark Office.

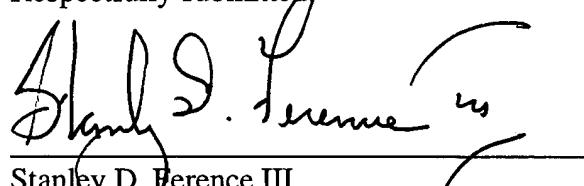
4. A copy of the Amendment, Petition And Fee For Extension Of Time Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A), Change in Correspondence Address, and Amendment Transmittal, all of which bear a Certificate of Mailing in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.8, is attached hereto.

5. This Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment is being made promptly, as it is made within two (2) months of the date of the Notice of Abandonment.

6. Also submitted herewith is a Supplemental Amendment in which the specification is amended to insert a reference to Government rights in the invention. No change in the claims are made therein. Kindly enter this Supplemental Amendment prior to continuing with examination of this application.

WHEREFORE, Applicants respectfully submit the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error and the holding of abandonment should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted



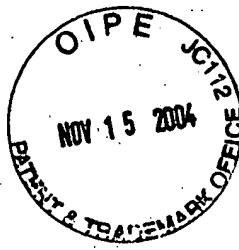
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Amendment Transmittal

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HON. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

1. Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.

OR

2. In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

3. Small Entity status of this application has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

4. A verified statement to establish Small Entity status is enclosed.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on July 16, 2003 with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

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Amendment Transmittal

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5. Also enclosed: Correspondence Address Change
6. No additional filing fee is required.
7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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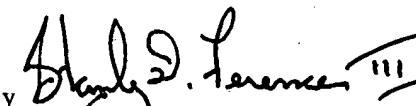
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8. Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$ _____ to cover the filing fee.
9. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$ _____ filing fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.
10. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510. A duplicate copy of this communication is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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